Statutory dues of public sector employees

794. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers headed by the Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Shri K.C. Pant, to decide on the question of clearing the statutory dues of public sector employees, has taken any decision on the issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the latest position of the statutory dues on account of wages, salaries and other dues owed by public sector companies?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) to (c) The Government have constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) under the chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission to suggest ways and means to liquidate outstanding dues of the employees of CPSUs and the GoM is yet to make their final recommedations. As on 31.12.2002, there were 60 central PSUs having total outstanding dues of Rs. 1904.77 crore out of which statutory dues were of the order of Rs. 1629.94 crore and salaries and wages dues were Rs. 274.83 crore.

Losses in PSUs

†795. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many industrial institutions of public sector are continuously running in losses since many years;

(b) if so, the numbers thereof alongwith their losses by March, 2003;

(c) the number of institutions whose losses have exceeded the investment made therein by March; 2003; and

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(d) the policy framed by Government with regard to such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) and (b) As per information available till 31.3.2002, 61 public sector undertakings were continuously running in losses for the last 5 years. Their total accumulated loss was about Rs. 56831 crore as on 31.3.2002, till which period the information is available.

(c) As on 31.3.2002, there were 42 loss making central public sector undertakings whose accumulated losses have exceeded the investment made therein.

(d) The Government policy towards such public sector undertakings was announced in the Budget speech of 2000-01, which *inter-alia* includes to bring down Government equity in non-strategic PSEs to 26% or lower, if necessary; to restructure and revive potentially viable PSEs; to close down the PSEs which cannot be revived; and to protect the interest of workers.

Government industries

†796. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various industries are being run by Government; if so, their numbers as in March 2001, March 2002 and March, 2003;

(b) the investment made by Government during the aforesaid period, industry-wise; and

(c) the percentage of annual profit earned by Government from these industries at the end of each year during the aforesaid period out of the total investment made?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) to (c) The Department

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